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SUBJECT: MTN: CONSULTATIONS WITH ANDEAN PACT SECRETARIAT

1. SUMMARY: IN CONSULTATIONS WITH ANDEAN PACT SECRETARIAT,
US DELEGATION REVIEWED STATUS OF MTN, EMPHASIZING COMMITMENT
OF US AND OTHER MAJOR PARTICIPANTS TO SUBSTANTIVE
AGREEMENT BY MID-JULY. ANDEAN PACT SECRETARIAT TRANSMITTED
US POSITIONS TO MEMBER STATE REPRESENTATIVES, WHO WERE MEET-
ING TO COORDINATE ANDEAN POSITIONS IN MTN FOR SUBSEQUENT
CONSIDERATION BY MEMBER GOVERNMENTS, AND TRANSMITTAL OF
NEGOTIATING POSITIONS TO THEIR GENEVA REPRESENTATIVES. END
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SUMMARY.

2. DURING CONSULTATIONS WITH ANDEAN PACT SECRETARIAT
(LEIVA, HURSKA) IN LIMA MAY 16 AND 18, US DELEGATION
(KNEPPER, ROSENBAUM, KELLY) REVIEWED STATUS OF MTN AND
CONTINUING GUAL OF REACHING SUBSTANTIVE AGREEMENT ON MTN
ISSUES BY MID-JULY, DRAWING--INTER ALIA--UPON CONCEPTS

CONTAINED STATE 115879. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS, US DELEGATION REAFFIRMED: (A) THAT US WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER FOLDING ITS TROPICAL PRODUCTS OFFER INTO GENERAL JANUARY 23, 1978 OFFER DID NOT SIGNIFY ANY CHANGE IN OVERALL US POLICY OF SEEKING CONTRIBUTIONS TO TRADE LIBERALIZATION FROM BENEFICIARIES OF US OFFERS, AND (B) THAT US WAS SEEKING SUBSTANTIVE AGREEMENTS ON ALL NTM CODES BY MID-JULY AS WELL.

3. ANDEAN PACT REPRESENTATIVES UNDERTOOK TO CONVEY US POSITIONS TO MEMBER STATE REPRESENTATIVES WHO WERE MEETING IN LIMA MAY 15--17 TO--INTER ALIA--COORDINATE MTN POSITIONS, PARTICULARLY ON ISSUE OF CONTRIBUTIONS, FOR SUBSEQUENT APPROVAL BY GOVERNMENTS AND TRANSMITTAL TO THEIR GENEVA REPRESENTATIVES. MEMBER STATE DELEGATIONS INCLUDED FOLLOWING REPRESENTATIVES: BOLIVIA--DIETEA; COLOMBIA--GUITERRIEZ, PERDOMO; ECUADOR--SANTA MARIA, ESCALANTE; PERU--FERNANDEZ, ET AL; VENEZUELA--AMBASSADOR CASTELLANOS, CRISTIANS, PULGAR. ONLY ANDEAN GENEVA REPRESENTATIVE ATTENDING MEETING WAS VENEZUELAN AMBASSADOR CASTELLANOS, WHO ALSO PARTICIPATED IN BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS WITH US TRADE TEAM IN CARACAS MAY 10. LEIVA NOTED THAT ANDEAN PACT MEMBER COUNTRIES REQUIRED APPROVAL OF OTHER ANDEAN PACT COUNTRIES BEFORE UNDERTAKING NEGOTIATIONS WITH THIRD COUNTRIES THAT MIGHT AFFECT THEIR COMMITMENTS IN ANDEAN PACT, SUCH AS NEGOTIATING ADDITIONAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LAFTA CONCESSIONS OR GATT MEMBERSHIP. HE NOTED THAT PERMISSION TO NEGOTIATE HAD GENERALLY BEEN GRANTED, BUT UNDER WELL-DEFINED PARAMETERS.

4. IN DISCUSSION OF RECENT SECRETARIAT PROPOSAL TO ANDEAN PACT COMMISSION ON COMMON EXTERNAL TARIFF, LEIVA CHARACTERIZED PROPOSAL AS BEING ABOUT IN LINE WITH PRESENT BOLIVIAN TARIFF STRUCTURE, AND ABOUT ONE-HALF THE LEVEL OF PRESENT VENEZUELAN AND PERUVIAN TARIFFS. (COPY OF SECRETARIAT PROPOSAL HAND CARRIED TO STR BY ROSENBAUM. MANY PROPOSALS ARE AT LEVEL OF COMMON MINIMAL EXTERNAL TARIFF CURRENTLY IN EFFECT.) NOT INCLUDED IN PROPOSAL ARE TARIFFS ON PRODUCTS INCLUDED IN THREE SECTORIAL AGREEMENTS ALREADY NEGOTIATED, OR RESERVED FOR POSSIBLE INCLUSION IN FIVE ADDITIONAL SECTORIAL AGREEMENTS PRESENTLY UNDER NEGOTIATION. LEIVA NOTED THAT ANDEAN COMMISSION COULD APPROVE PROPOSAL IN NEAR FUTURE, ALTHOUGH UNDER REVISED TIME SCHEDULE SUCH APPROVAL IS NOT REQUIRED UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 1979. LEIVA ALSO NOTED THAT SECRETARIAT PROPOSAL HAD RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ANDEAN PACT ACTIONS IN MANY OF SUBJECT AREAS CURRENTLY UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR COVERAGE IN MTN NTM CODES, SUCH AS

CUSTOMS VALUATION, GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT, INDUSTRIAL INCENTIVES (SUBSIDIARY PRACTICES), ETC.

5. COMMENT: IT IS LIKELY THAT THERE IS SOME DIFFERENCE OF OPINION WITHIN ANDEAN PACT ON THE ISSUE OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE MTN, WITH VENEZUELA AND POSSIBLY ECUADOR BELIEVED OPPOSED TO ANY SPECIFIC CONTRIBUTIONS, WHILE COLUMBIA AND POSSIBLY PERU MAY NOT WISH LOSE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO NEGOTIATE MFN CONCESSIONS IN US MARKET, WITH COLOMBIA CONTINUING TO CONSIDER POSSIBILITY OF GATT ACCESSION. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION THAT EMBASSIES MAY DEVELOP CONCERNING ANDEAN POSITIONS ON MTN RESULTING FROM THIS COORDINATION MEETING.

ANDREWS

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